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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/544,202
Filing Date	April 7, 2000
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Group Art Unit	1742
Examiner Name	Andrew W. Wahba
Attorney Docket Number	2661

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on: July 28, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on: _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 22-0256
- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). 10/29/2004 SDENB0B1 00000051 09544202
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17). 790.00 OP
 - iii. Other any deficiency in the required fees: 1801
- b. Check in the amount of \$ 110.00 & 790.00 is enclosed.
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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